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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CRYSTAL STOVALL ENTERPRISES, LLC.,))	
Plaintiff,)	
v.) Case No	
ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY,)	
Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT

- Plaintiff, Crystal Stovall Enterprises, LLC, is an Alabama Limited
 Liability Company, and at all times pertinent to this suit, was doing business in Anniston,
 Alabama.
- 2. Defendant, Essex Insurance Company, ("Essex") is a Delaware Corporation, and at all times pertinent to this suit, was doing business by agent in Anniston, Alabama.

FACTS

- 3. Plaintiff adopts and incorporates the averments in the previous paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 4. At all times pertinent to this suit, Plaintiff was the holder of a mortgage securing an indebtedness, given by Jacquelyn and Peggie, LLC, for certain property located in Anniston, Alabama.
- 5. At all times pertinent to this suit, Jacquelyn and Peggie, LLC, was operating a restaurant known as AJ's Sunset Bar and Grill.

- 6. Pursuant to the terms of the mortgage given to Plaintiff, Jacquelyn and Peggie, LLC was required to insure the subject property, and to further identify Plaintiff mortgagee as an additional insured.
- 7. At all times pertinent to this suit, Plaintiff was a named additional insured under the policy of insurance issued by Defendant Essex, Policy Number 2CR1635.
- 8. On or about February 29, 2016, AJ's Sunset Bar and Grill caught fire and substantially damaged the subject property.
- 9. On or about June 1, 2016, and pursuant to the requirements under the subject insurance policy, Jacquelyn and Peggie, LLC submitted a Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss to Defendant Essex.
- 10. On or about August 26, 2016, and pursuant to the requirements under the subject insurance policy, Plaintiff submitted a Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss to Defendant Essex.
- 11. Thereafter, on or about November 4, 2016, Plaintiff submitted its agent Bob Griffin, to examination under oath by Defendant Essex.
- 12. To date, Defendant Essex has failed and refused to pay Plaintiff for its loss, and as a proximate result thereof, Plaintiff has been caused to be damaged.

COUNT ONE - BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 13. Plaintiff adopts and incorporates the averments in the previous paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 14. Plaintiff, as an additional insured under the subject policy of insurance, is a third-party beneficiary of the insurance contract between Defendant Essex and Jacquelyn and Peggie, LLC.

- 15. Defendant Essex's failure to pay the insurance proceeds due to Plaintiff as an additional insured, constitutes a material breach of that contract of insurance.
- 16. As a proximate result of Defendant Essex Insurance Company's breach of its obligations under the contract of insurance, Plaintiff was damaged and is entitled to receive the sum of \$539,892.14, plus interest, and other damages including future economic losses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Essex Insurance Company for compensatory damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury.

COUNT TWO - "NORMAL" BAD FAITH

- 17. Plaintiff adopts and incorporates the averments in the previous paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 18. As an additional insured under the subject policy of insurance, Plaintiff is a third-party beneficiary to the subject contract of insurance.
- 19. Defendant Essex has intentionally refused and failed to pay Plaintiff's claim.
- 20. Defendant Essex's refusal and failure to pay Plaintiff's claim has been done in the absence of any reasonably legitimate or arguable reason.
- 21. Defendant Essex has actual knowledge that its refusal and failure to pay Plaintiff's claim has been done in the absence of any reasonably legitimate or arguable reason.
- 22. As a proximate result of Defendant Essex's refusal and failure to pay Plaintiff's claim, in the absence of any reasonably legitimate or arguable reason, Plaintiff has been damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Essex Insurance Company for compensatory and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury.

COUNT THREE - "ABNORMAL" BAD FAITH

- 23. Plaintiff adopts and incorporates the averments in the previous paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 24. As an additional insured under the subject policy of insurance, Plaintiff is a third-party beneficiary to the subject contract of insurance.
- 25. Defendant Essex has intentionally refused and failed to pay Plaintiff's claim
- 26. Defendant Essex's refusal and failure to pay Plaintiff's claim has been done in the absence of any reasonably legitimate or arguable reason.
- 27. Defendant Essex has actual knowledge that its refusal and failure to pay Plaintiff's claim has been done in the absence of any reasonably legitimate or arguable reason.
- 28. Defendant Essex has refused and failed to properly and adequately investigate Plaintiff's claim, to determine whether there is any legitimate or arguable reason for denial, and has in essence, denied the claim by virtue of its refusal and failure to investigate.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant Essex Insurance Company for compensatory and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY STRUCK JURY

/s/ Donald W. Stewart Donald W. Stewart Attorney for Plaintiff

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> /s/ Edward McF. Johnson Edward McF. Johnson Attorney for Plaintiff

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PLEASE SERVE THE DEFENDANT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY The Corporation Trust Company Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801 DOCUMENT 3

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Plaintiff,)	
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Defendant.)	

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, and pursuant to Ala.R.Civ.P. 33, propounds the following interrogatories to the Defendant to be answered separately and severally:

Instructions:

- a. These Interrogatories are continuing in character so as to require you to file supplementary answers if you obtain further or different information before trial.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, these Interrogatories refer to the time, place, and circumstances of the fire loss mentioned or complained of in the Complaint.
- c. Where name and identity of a person is required, please state full name, home address and also business address, if known.
- d. Where knowledge or information in possession of a party is requested, such request includes knowledge of the party's agents, representatives, and unless privileged, his attorney's. When answer is made by corporate defendant, state the name, address and title of persons supplying the information and making the affidavit, and announce the source of his or her information.
- e. The pronoun "you" refers to the party to whom the Interrogatories are addressed and the parties mentioned in clause (d).

Interrogatories:

1. Please state the name, last known address and employment position of all non-lawyer person(s) participating in answering these interrogatories, or any one of them, identify the interrogatory answer(s) which each person(s) participated in answering, and

state the manner of each such person's participation.

- a. Has the person who has signed the answers to these interrogatories been authorized to do so?
- b. Does the person who has signed the answers to these interrogatories have personal knowledge concerning all facts and information as set forth in such answers? If not, set forth those interrogatory answers containing facts of which the person signing has no personal knowledge and state the precise source(s) of information (names of witnesses and precise identities of documents, by description, document number, title, author, subject matter and date) consulted by such person before signing the answers under oath.
- 2. Identify each person at Essex, or at Essex's agent, consultant, or independent adjuster offices that examined or investigated Plaintiff's claim and state with particularity the substance of the information each such person has, including, without limitation, any:
 - a. Person responsible for evaluating, investigating, researching,
 examining, inspecting, or deciding whether to pay insurance
 benefits to Plaintiff; When responding to this interrogatory, also
 identify all supporting documents.
- 3. Identify each non-retained expert witness, including a party or non-party, whom you expect to call at trial, to provide testimony relative to scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge and with respect to each such person, please provide such

person's name, address and field of expertise as well as the subject matter on which each such person is expected to testify and the field of expertise of each such person.

- 4. Does Defendant have any statements, oral or written from any witness? If so, please produce the name and address of each witness, the date of such statement, state whether such statement was written or oral, and the name of the person presently in custody of such statement.
- 5. With respect to your investigation into the extent of damages related to this claim, and assuming liability under the policy of insurance issued by you to Plaintiff, state the following:
 - a. The actual cash value of the loss and damage to the premises as a result of the occurrence alleged;
 - b. The actual cash value of the loss and damage to personal property and contents and goods contained in the premises as a result of the occurrence alleged; and,
 - c. The name and job title of the individual whose knowledge the information provided in the answer to this interrogatory is based.
- 6. List the name(s) and current address(es) who have knowledge of the facts of the losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint and/or the damages following therefrom.
- 7. State the name(s) and current address(es) of all persons at Essex who prepared notices, memos, letters, invoices, statements, or other written correspondence pertaining to the insured premises.
- 8. Identify the name, current address, and current telephone number of all expert witnesses who will testify at trial on your behalf. For each individual, please

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provide the following:

The subject matter on which the witness is expected to testify; a.

The conclusions and opinions of each witness and the basis b.

thereof;

The qualifications of each witness; and, c.

d. Any reports and any drafts of reports prepared by the witness.

9. Identify the name, current address, and current telephone number of all

witnesses who will testify at trial on your behalf. For each witness identified, please

provide the subject matter of each witness's testimony.

10. Identify the dates any underwriting inspections were made, by whom they

were made, produce a copy of the inspection results, and produce any and/or

correspondence that was sent by you following any underwriting inspections.

11. Identify by name your corporate representative(s) who are most

knowledgeable regarding your Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Donald W. Stewart

Donald W. Stewart

Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE TO CLERK: Please serve a copy of the foregoing along with the Summons and Complaint.

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Plaintiff,))	
v.)	
ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY,))	
Defendant.	<i>)</i>)	

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENDANT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, and pursuant to Ala.R.Civ.P. 34, propounds the following Requests for Production of Documents or Things:

Instructions:

- a. Your written response shall state with respect to each item or category, that inspection-related activities will be permitted as requested, unless request is refused, in which event the reasons for refusal shall be stated. If the refusal relates to part of an item or category, that part shall be specified.
- b. In accordance, the documents shall be produced as they are covered in the usual course of business or you shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the request.
- c. These requests shall encompass all items within your possession, custody or control.
- d. These requests are continuing in character so as to require you to promptly amend or supplement your response if you obtain further material information.
- e. If in responding to these requests you encounter any ambiguity in construing any request, instruction or definition, set forth the matter deemed ambiguous in the construction used, in responding.

Definitions:

As used in these requests, the following terms are to be interpreted in accordance with these definitions:

a. The term "person" includes any individual, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society, municipal or other corporation, state, which

agencies or political subdivision, and court, or any other governmental entity.

- b. The terms "you" or "your" include the persons to whom these requests are addressed, and all that person's agents, representatives or attorneys.
- c. In accordance, the terms, "document" or "documents" includes all writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, recordings, and any other data comultations from which information can be othatined, translated, if necessary by (you), through detection devices, into reasonably usable form.
- d. The term "occurrence" means the incident made the basis of the Plaintiff's complaint.

Requests for Production:

- 1. Produce your entire claim file, communications, and documents of every adjuster that worked on the insureds' claim related to the fire which is the basis of this lawsuit, including but not limited to the branch, regional and home office claims files, the "field file" including the claim handlers' notes and handwritten notes, as well as the claims file of all adjusters and independent adjusters.
- 2. Produce your entire claim manual(s) in effect during 2016 and 2017 which relate to or may be referred to when investigating or adjusting property losses, fire claims, including by not limited to your claims handling manual, your claims practices and standards, including any manuals for branch claims representatives, the regional office, and manuals for the home office, which related to or may be referred to when investigating or adjusting property losses and fire claims.
- 3. Produce your entire property claims training manual and materials, including but not limited to training programs for claims employees, both inter-company training programs as well as non-Essex training programs and materials, all property claims training videos, and all information provided to employees on how to avoid bad

faith claims, any materials from the Insurance Institute of America, or texts such as "The Claims Environment."

- 4. Produce all emails and other communications that in any way relate to Plaintiff's claims, including any separate email communications system apart from the electronic claims file and emails sent via the Internet.
- 5. Produce all information regarding reserves, including the dates and times reserves were set and changed or adjusted.
 - 6. Produce you entire underwriting file for the subject insurance policy.
- 7. Produce all documents related to Plaintiff's claim contained in the personnel files of the claims handlers in charge of Plaintiff's claims, as well as supervisors in the chain of command above these claims handlers.
- 8. Produce all documents identified, referred to, or relied upon in answering Plaintiff's interrogatories.
- 9. Produce all documents identified, referred to, or relied upon in developing your Answer and/or Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 10. Produce all documents relating to or referencing Plaintiff's insurance claim.
- 11. Produce all statements given by anyone, oral or written, or court reported, signed or unsigned, to some person or entity other than his/her attorney related to or regarding any issue in Plaintiff's Complaint, and all correspondence with any third-party regarding or related to Plaintiff's claim.

12. Produce the entirety of your agent's manual containing any techniques, training, guidance and/or standards for selling property insurance, commercial property insurance, and/or code upgrade/law and ordinance coverage.

13. Produce your agent's file related to the subject property.

14. Produce color copies of all photographs, slides, motion pictures, videotapes, or other photographic reproductions of the premises taken either prior to, at the time of, or after the alleged damage occurred.

15. Produce the file(s) of any individual or entity hired or retained by you to investigate the occurrence and damage alleged.

16. Produce certified copies of all policies issued by you for the premises that were in force at the time of this loss.

17. Produce all documents relating to or referencing your policy of insurance for the subject premises.

18. Produce all correspondence, reports, surveys, appraisals, damage estimates, proof of loss, adjuster's report(s), or other documents setting forth the damages related to the insured premises as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

19. Produce the contract or other agreement between you and the agent who took the application for the insurance for the premises referenced in Plaintiff's Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Donald W. Stewart Donald W. Stewart Attorney for Plaintiff

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Defendant.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CAUSE AND ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

Please take notice that on the 28th day of March, 2017, the undersigned, as attorneys for Defendant Evanston Insurance Company, as successor by merger to Essex Insurance Company, filed on its behalf a Notice of Removal in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Eastern Division, to remove the above-entitled cause of action from the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Alabama (CV-2017-900108) to said United States District Court, and also filed a true copy of said Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Brenen G. Ely

Brenen G. Ely (ELY004)

Seth T. Hunter (HUN047)

Attorneys for Evanston Insurance Company, as successor by merger to Essex Insurance Company

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<u>bely@elylawllc.com</u> <u>shunter@elylawllc.com</u>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been served on all parties of record via electronic filing and/or U.S. Mail on this the 28th day of March, 2017.

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s/Brenen G. Ely

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